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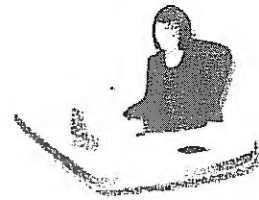
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## From the Desk

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## of the Director

Hello Everyone;

I have given much thought about what I would say in this column. This is the last time I will be addressing you as your Executive Director. I plan to retire on September 30, 2011. When I accepted the position eight years ago, I planned to work a couple of years and then retire so my husband and I could do those things we had always looked forward to in our retirement. Well, Randall has been retired for two years now and we still have not done those things. It seems that the time is right for me to move on so that we may enjoy traveling and other projects while we still have our health and are still young enough to enjoy them.

I will miss this job. I have enjoyed working with every one of you and have made many friends over the years. I hope that we have accomplished some things that are good for the organization and that my time here has been beneficial. I am not totally abandoning HCPD. I love the organization too much not to continue to be involved. I have agreed to accept the position of treasurer effective October 1, 2011 and, as such, will still be involved in the operations of the organization but will not have to be here on a daily basis. I will also still be volunteering to help with our many activities and other services as time goes on.

I wish everyone well and hope to continue to hear from you. We have a great organization and great members who are very caring and generous. In a time when genealogy societies are struggling for survival, with the competition from the internet, HCPD continues to remain strong. I sincerely wish the organization and our members the best for the future.

Betty Ann

# FINDING AUNT CLEO

by Ju-Wanna (Jo) Snyder Fortney  
Charleston, WV



This isn't about a war or history, it's about a family, a child being born out of wedlock in the early 1900's, a time when this was taboo. A child, Cleo Grace born to Delphia **WIANT** b 1889 (daughter of Adam W. **WIANT**) in Gilmer County, and Emerson **GIBSON** b 1888 [son of Jasper Newton **GIBSON**] in Mingo Flats, Randolph County. Emerson and Delphia were married 20 July 1915, Elkins, WV. Cleo's birth was Sept. 15, 1911.

55 years go by.....No one suspects a thing.

*Emerson & Delphia **GIBSON***

19 Mar 1954 Grandmother (Delphia) is ill and thirsty falls into the well and drowns. She was a pretty little lady, with snow white and red rimmed glasses. A great Cook. I remember Uncle John eating, and he would stop and loosen his belt. I realize now that he was doing that to amuse me. lol

July 1966 Granddad (Emerson) falls off the roof of his house and breaks his neck. In his obituary The Elkins *Inter-Mountain* states that "he walked from Crystal Springs to Elkins and back, enough times to walk around the world twice". When he wasn't working at the tannery, he was ALWAYS dressed in a suit and tie. Granddad and Grandma were always good to me; always give me what I ask for at Christmas and etc. I know now it was because they knew, no one wanted me either.

It's time for the funeral and my Georgia Cousin and I were seated about half way back in the room, and all at once there seemed to be a commotion up around the casket. So we thought we had better move

in a little closer, so we wouldn't miss anything. Here was this lady, looking a whole lot like the **GIBSON** Girls, stating she was their sister. Well the **GIBSON** Girls didn't even know she existed, and here she was. Lord, they were in shock. But, Nancy and I thought it was hilarious, because sometimes the girls could act so la-tee-dah. Lol

H-m-m-m! I wonder which one marked her name off the guest registry at the funeral home?

The **GIBSON** girls consisted of Rosalee Anna, b 1916, married John **CLOWER**; Helen Mae, b 1918, and still living (my mother),



*Aunt Cleo*

married Frelon **FACEMIRE**; Mary "Peck" Virginia, b 1919, married Noah **DEMPSEY** (the parents of my Georgia Cousin); and Mamie L. b 1922, married Earl **MASON** (I do believe she was the favorite daughter). The only girls who had children were Helen and Peck, Rosalee adopted a child. There was another daughter, Dortha Jean 'Tootie' **GIBSON** b 1930, she died at 16 she was a Down's syndrome child, and they mostly kept her out of sight. I can remember that she use to read to me. Then, there was "Buddy" Gordon E **GIBSON** b 1924 d 1960, he was a great bear hunter. Never married.

Aunt Rosalea and Uncle John did pay a visit to Cleo. She lived over around Montrose, WV. Uncle John said, "She was a very bitter woman." He said that he thought some **STALNAKER**'s had raised her. Aunt Rosalea never ever mentioned her again, and said she didn't have a sister.

Aunt Rosalea is the one who started me on this Genealogy journey. I was to find her grandmother, Anna Elizabeth **DOTSON**, b. 1860, m. Adam W. **WIANT**. She is still a big brick wall to me.

No, I didn't start the journey; I didn't get around to it till about 1997.



So I kept looking for Cleo **GIBSON**, or Cleo **STALNAKER** and even **WIANT/WYANT**, nothing. Finally I asked Joy **DE FAZIO**, because I knew she would know a lot of **STALNAKERS**. She asked around, and no one knew of Cleo. Then she suggested we look in Randolph County estate sales, because we knew Cleo had got her share of the **GIBSON** property. I called my sister, Kathy **FACEMIRE BUTCHER** in Cummings, GA and told her. Mother is in a nursing home there and Kathy had all her papers. She emailed me that Cleo was married to a Wayne **DUNSON**

Wayne Lee **DUNSON**, b 1916, in Upshur County, d 1989, Randolph County. I could find all kinds of information about his family, but, still not Cleo.

The first of this year, I found a Cleo **DUNSON** in the Social Security Index, I dismissed it because this lady was in Tennessee and the death was 2008. Then a couple of months ago I get this email from Kathy, asking if I think this is our Aunt Cleo.

#### **DUNSON, Cleo Grace GIBSON CONRAD**

Eads Cleo Grace **GIBSON CONRAD DUNSON**, 96, of Eads, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the Cordova Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Graveside services (more)

Ok, it says (more) we all know by now when we see more, that means money. I was really excited so I looked everyplace like Footnote, Ancestry, and TN newspapers, got nothing. By now the curiosity was killing me and just couldn't stand it any longer <lol> Ok, Ok, I'll pay. So I did.

I found out right away, that I'm no longer the oldest grandchild. I have a new male first cousin. So right away I Googled him, and there he was with his address and phone number. I must have walked around the house 3 hours before I called that number. I thought, Will they know about us? Would they think I was crazy?" (Of course it wouldn't be the first time.) <lol>



His wife answered and, yes, Cleo is his mother, and yes, they are from West Virginia, I think," praise the Lord!" I tell her I'm his cousin and I do genealogy and ask if he would like to see the **GIBSON** Genealogy. Yes, they would. We exchanged email addresses, and now we have exchanged a family picture too.

So Aunt Cleo married George Clark **CONRAD**, b 1911, in Webster County in 1931. The marriage certificate states she was from Webster County too. Cleo was living with the John H. **MYERS** family where she is listed as a boarder in the 1930 Census. My cousin says they took her in to do housework for room and board.

I still can't find her before 1930. Cleo and George had the one son in 1936, and George took off with another woman when the boy was eleven. George died in Ohio in 1980.

Cleo picked up what work she could around Fairmont such as washing dishes in a restaurant and working as a maid in a Fairmont hotel.

My cousin can remember one period in Fairmont when neighbors brought them groceries. After this, she became a housekeeper for a single man and his elderly father in the mountains a few miles outside of Parsons. This worked good for them a while. Then, she got a job as a housekeeper for a widower with two grown children and one boy her son's age, near Montrose WV. Now he had someone to play with.

After a while she met a man by the name of Bert **STEPHENS**. They got married. Bert was a woodsman and they moved to his place way back in the sticks between mountains.

It was soon determined that they couldn't afford to send my cousin to high school (he had completed his freshman year at Elkins High School.) Bert knew of a farmer outside of Parsons who sometimes took boys to live with him and his wife. He went to live with them. This was some of the best years of his life. He learned to work and all about farming. When he was 21, he thought he was at a dead-end and joined the army.

Cleo and Bert didn't stay together long. She didn't like his ways. She got a job at Hopemont Sanatarium. She met a man working

there, by the name of Wayne **DUNSON**. They hit it off pretty good, so they got married. The son says that Cleo was pretty much to boss.

While in the army, my cousin met the love of his life. She was teaching school at Fort Benning, Georgia. They were married on Christmas Eve 1960.

They always came to West Virginia to see Cleo for a week every year.

In the winter of 1989, my cousin received word that Wayne was very sick, and in the hospital. When my cousin got there, he found his mom, now 78, not doing too well herself.

When he took her home from visiting Wayne, there was no heat in the house which wasn't much more than a shack. He was not up to stayed in a motel there.

After a lot of thought during the night, he decided that she was not well enough to live like that anymore. She was willing to go home with him. The next morning, they loaded all they could pack into his 1987 Toyota Tercel and headed to his home.

She couldn't be trusted around the cook stove by herself. She would leave skillets, etc., on a hot burner and forget about it. He found she was paranoid schizophrenic and probably had been good part of her life. When at her own home, would worry the police, calling them that somebody was after her. At his home she called the police several times

She was evaluated in a hospital two or three times. Finally, a doctor got her into a nursing home. She seemed to be happy enough there. Everyone there knew her. She was there for about seventeen years.

Here are some random thoughts about Aunt Cleo.

She was somewhere in her late forty's when she learned to drive. Her son had given her his 1950 Chevrolet when he went into the Army.

She always had a garden and would plant by the signs of the moon. The garden almost always turned out good.

Her son's remembrance of Aunt Cleo's first meeting with her mother, Delphia **WIANT GIBSON**, was not at a funeral. She had found her mother's whereabouts and had him drive her (he hadn't had his driver's license long) to visit.

He didn't know if the meeting was prearranged or not, but he thinks so. Two sisters were there, and they did not appear to be very happy about this new revelation. (Could you blame them?)

Aunt Cleo was always of the opinion she was born in 1911. We think this is probably correct.

She never had an easy life and usually lived in some rundown house, with an outhouse for a toilet.

My cousin believes his mother loved him and did what she could with what meager means she had.

We believe the last years of her life were easiest because she had everything she needed.

We believe if you give Mr. **CONRAD** lemons, he will make Lemonade.

The **GIBSON** Girls? All married well ,and had good lives.

We still are wondering, who raised Cleo?

I have since given my **CONRAD** Cousin my **CONRAD** research. He remembers seeing his granddad, John Burns **CONRAD** and grandmother, Leverna F **BUCKHANNON** at a couple OF reunions, as well as a couple of uncles.

We plan a get together in the future.

Today when a child is adopted we expect they will be well cared for, and educated. This leaves me wondering.....

# TRUE OR FALSE

By Boyd L. "Rocky" SWISHER

Was the wife of Peter **SWISHER** (1746-1832) really Mary **WAGNER/WAGGONER** or have all the allegations that have been published or told by others really just fiction?

A German Bible published in 1728 has on the inside front cover, the following handwritten names: Mary **HOFFONER**, below her name appears "Prop. of Jno. **WAGNER**." There is no other genealogical information located in the Bible. However, the Family Register located between the Old and New Testament had two pages torn out.

A daughter of Peter **SWISHER**, Dorothy (1783-1861), at age sixteen (16) wed John **WAGNER** on 14 September 1800. This marriage is recorded in Book A, Page 5, Monongalia County, (W)V. Her brother, Isaac **SWISHER**, is listed as bondsman. Dorothy expired 4 January 1864, Preston County, WV.

John **WAGNER** became very active in the likes of our **SWISHER** clan. Also some say the John **WAGNER** that served in the Virginia House of Delegates 1815-1819 was Dorothy's husband.

At age twenty (20), Isaac (**SWITZER**) **SWISHER** (1793-1851), son of Peter **SWISHER** married 10 April 1813, Maria **JETT** (1797-1863) whose parents were from Fauquier County, VA, as recorded in Vol. 3, page 585, Monongalia County, (W)V.

The name of Isaac **SWITZER** and Jno. **WAGNER** appear as bondsmen.

At the age of twenty-two (22), Peter **SWISHER** Jr. (1779-1830) married on 25 January 1801, Susannah **RINERHART** (1778-1850), daughter of Thomas **RINERHART**, living in what is now Preston County, WV. This marriage is also recorded in Monongalia County. (Book A, Page 5) I have no proof but one would presume that, once more, Jno. **WAGNER** was the bondsman.

You might surmise that Peter and John were also friends, because together they purchased a lot for six hundred dollars in

Morgantown on 31 March 1818. Peter was living in Harrison County, (W)V, at the time of the sale.

A note of interest: all three marriages were performed by Rev. John Wade **LOOFBOROUGH**.

Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, Land Entry Book 217 has Peter **SWISHER** with land dated 19 April 1782, 100 acres on Decker's Creek and 130 acres located on Aaron's Creek, dated 15 September 1783. Both locations are in or near Morgantown.

Therefore, we can theorize several of Peter's children were born in Monongalia County, (W)V, maybe on Aaron's Creek.

I now have the following birthdates listed for the following children:

Jacob <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 9 June 1777
Peter <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 11 March 1779
Margaret <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 31 January 1781
Dorothy <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 15 December 1783
Frederick <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 15 October 1784
John <b>SWISHER</b>	b. abt. 1789
Isaac <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 15 July 1793
Susannah <b>SWISHER</b>	b. abt. 1795
Elizabeth <b>SWISHER</b>	b. abt. 1797

At some point in time, this German Bible became the property of Isaac **SWISHER** (1793-1854). The next owner was his son Isaac Francis **SWISHER** (1837-1896). He bestowed the Bible and a very old wooden clock belonging to his father to his daughter Mary "Ellen" **SWISHER** (1871-1963). Ellen, on 28 August 1893, married Otto Dennis **McKEEVER**.

From this marriage arrived four children, Harold, Mildred, Christine and Steven.

Mary Ellen selected Christine to be the new custodian of the clock and Bible.

Christine moved to New York City where she married a Mr. NICOSIA. There was no issue from this marriage so, in October

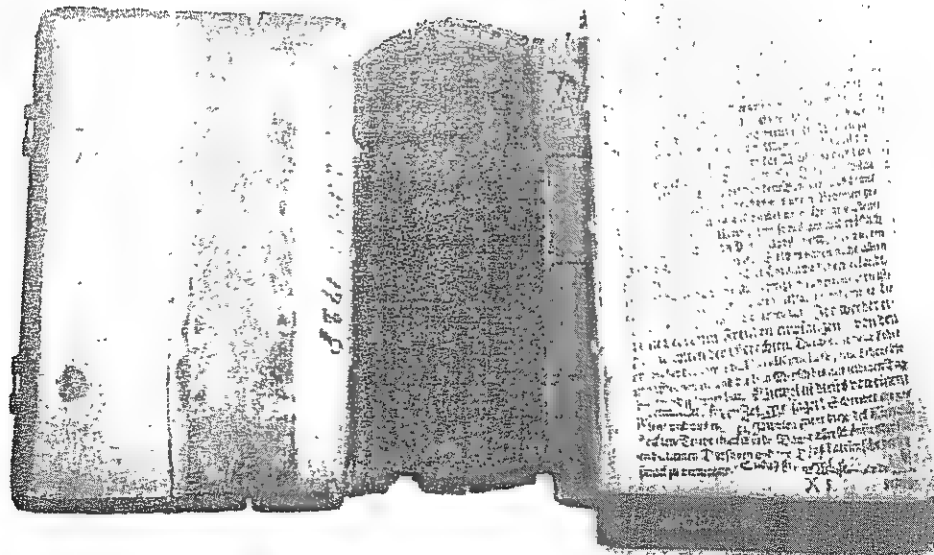
1793, Christine opted to give both articles to her great-niece, Sherida **RITTERBEEK**, daughter of Fred Robert **ZIMMERMAN**, son of Mildred **McKEEVER ZIMMERMAN** who had married Dr. George H. **ZIMMERMAN**.

Sherida married Charles D. **RITTERBEEK**, 17 June 1972. In 1986 they resided in Caldwell, Ohio.

They had the clock repaired and the 1728 German Bible is resting in a homemade glass case that protects it somewhat from the elements.

Because the name Mary **HOFFONER** does appear in the Bible, several have claimed she was the wife of our Peter **SWISHER**; nor has anyone up until recently mentioned that more than likely this Jno. **WAGNER** is the same John **WAGNER** that married Dorothy **SWISHER**, daughter of Peter. (I discovered this years ago.

Where Jno. **WAGNER** obtained the Bible is unknown. Could it be that he was the son of Mary **HOFFONER**?? Or maybe he just purchased the Bible at a public estate auction.



# Jack Russell or John Blackwood

by Twyla McCUE HINZMAN

Over the past several years there has been much controversy over the name/ and/ or/ alias of the originator of the **RUSSELL** family that lived in Evergreen, Upshur County, WV. during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Several cousins have researched the name of *John Randolph "Jack" RUSSELL* and we now have proof that he was in fact *John BLACKWOOD* of New Jersey, born in Scotland, in 1839. Documentation has been found that place him, along with his father and step-mother, coming to America in 1841 aboard the ship, *Isaac Newton*. His sister, Agnes, was thought to have died at sea. She is on the docket, but isn't in the 1850 NJ census record. There is an X beside her name on the docket.

Family tradition says John ran away from home and went to sea when he was 12 years old because he couldn't get along with his step-mother. He enlisted 15 July 1861, in the NY 99th Inf Reg, NY , which was to become the Coast Guard. He was aboard 'The Congress', a wooden frigate, when it met its demise on 8 March 1862, when she fell under the attack by the Confederate ironclad, 'Virginia' (also known as the 'USS Merrimack') The ship burned to the water's edge and exploded. Many men were killed that day, including the ship's captain. Several men were injured and others were missing (either to another ship or desertion). John claimed he was taken prisoner and sent to Libby Prison. He was later released and discharged in Washington, D.C. on 21 May 1862.

Documentation has recently been found that proves that John was missing in action in Hampton Roads, VA, following the burning of his ship. He was taken prisoner on 8 March 1862. He rejoined his Company in April 1862, then was mustered out 21 May 1862 as a private in Washington, D.C. "reason not given".

John met Margaret Ellen **WILLIAMS**, daughter of Peter Boyd **WILLIAMS** and Sarah Ellen **LEMMONS** of Upshur County, while she was visiting a sister in Ritchie County. John was working in the oil



fields. They were married 27 November 1870 in Hinkleville, Upshur County, WV, by Rev. **SANFORD**, witnessed by Simon J. **ROHABAUGH**. Over the next several years they raised a family of 11 children.

At one point John took a trip back to New Jersey to attend to some "business". When he returned, the family was told nothing of where he had been nor the business. It was known by some of the family that he had a sister in New Jersey who had two girls, named Edith and Carrie. Now that we have located documents, we know that his sister, Margaret, died before 1893 when property from a recently deceased brother, David, was to go to Margaret **WILCOX**'s children, Edith and Carrie. In his brother David's obituary, no mention is made of John. The family had evidently "written him off". John's father, David, owned and operated a tea, coffee and spice business in Newark, New Jersey. It was established in 1863. Young David went into business with his father.

I have been able to locate additional information about John's siblings. Martha married Corra N. **WILLIAMS**, an attorney, in Newark, New Jersey, and Margaret married George Edward **WILCOX** of New York. Martha and Corra had three children; Robert, Edgar, and Eunice. Margaret had two girls; Edith and Carrie. (If Mom had not known the names of these two children, I doubt that I could have located the rest of John's family.) Other than census records, we don't know anything about William.

On 1 February 1908, John's widow, Margaret Ellen, filed for a widow's pension and was denied for lack of information proving John's true name and service record. In 13 February 1917, she refiled with help from a local merchant and Senator Howard **STRICKLAND**. She was granted the pension. There are many pages of documents in the National Archives of her testimonies and letters from persons who knew John. It is certainly a shame that she and other widows didn't have access to the documents as we do today.

The names of the children of John Randolph "Jack" **RUSSELL** and Margaret Ellen **WILLIAMS** are:

Infant	b. & d. 18 Nov 1871	
Edith Gertrude	b. 1 July 1892	m. Okey Lee <b>QUEEN</b>
Edward Parley	b. 19 Nov 1874	m. Margaret E. <b>MEADER</b>
Luella Gertrude	b. 15 July 1876	m. Bryant Josiah <b>MARTIN</b>
Amy Lee	b. 14 Dec 1877	m. William Jasper <b>UMPHREY</b>
Ollie Bell	b. 18 April 1880	m. Reuben Lindsay <b>LONG</b>
Mary Frances "Met"	b. 26 Sept 1881	m. Harman J. <b>MILES</b>
John Boyd	b. 18 Mar 1883	m. Doris Anna <b>OGDEN</b>
		2) Lucy <b>PAUGH</b>
		3) Chessie Unknown
Madge Alice "Maggie"	b. 19 April 1885	m. Perry Lee <b>SANDY</b>
Georgia Ethel	b. 23 Jan 1888	m. Ephriam "Ray" <b>SIMONS</b>
Edith Lenora	b. 27 Mar 1892	m. Everett <b>SMALLRIDGE</b>
Vada Blanche	b. 25 May 1894	m. Ralph O. <b>DOUGLAS</b>

This family name has been one of my major stumbling blocks since I started working on genealogy. With the help of Curt **DOUGLAS** (grandson of Vada and Ralph **DOUGLAS** formerly of Shadybrook, Weston, WV and nephew of Ralph, Jr. and June **DOUGLAS** & Genevieve and Bill **WEAVER**) we have dug into territory that has been unpleasant for some of our cousins. The "unknown" is always an area of suspicion and dread. Many who remembered John Randolph **RUSSELL** testified that he was a hard working, upright man. We don't doubt that. I just chuckle that a man who had his own reasons for not being a part of an unpleasant young life, could create a new life for himself and his very large family. My hat is off to him!

John and Margaret are buried in the Center Chapel Cemetery in Carter, Upshur County.

I would love hearing from anyone who is connected to this family.

Mama must be smiling....she always wanted to know.

Twyla **McCUE HINZMAN**  
(Great granddaughter of the little Scots-Irishman)

# Descendants of Joseph & Sophia Jackson Davis

by Linda B. Meyers

*I do certify, that I did on the  
Seventh day of January, 1836, join  
together, in the holy state of matrimony,  
- say, Isaac Bush, & Julia Ann Davis  
both of Adams County, Ill. according  
to the ceremony of the Presbyterian  
Church to which I belong.*  
*R. H. May.*

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BY William H. Jones Deputy

Marriage License for Julia Ann Davis and Isaac Bush

Julia Ann<sup>1</sup> **DAVIS** was the oldest daughter of Edward and Eleanor "Nelly" **STOUT DAVIS** born probably in present-day Upshur County, (West) Virginia on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1819. Her grandparents were Joseph and Sophia **JACKSON DAVIS** and Caleb and Elizabeth **DeBARR STOUT**.

In the mid 1830s her parents moved to Adams County, Illinois, where her father died on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1836 and is buried in the Howe Cemetery, Lee Township, Brown County, Illinois.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1836, at Clayton (Adams County), Illinois, Julia married Isaac Henry **BUSH**; they are said to have been the first couple to be married in the township.<sup>2</sup> Isaac was born probably in Harrison/Lewis County, (West) Virginia now present-day Upshur County on 13 July 1813, the son of George and Mary **WOLFE BUSH**. His birth is recorded in the Isaac **BUSH** family Bible.<sup>3</sup>

Julia and Isaac kept residency in Illinois at least until the birth of their first child, George Washington **BUSH**, on 21 October 1836. Isaac was investigating donation land claims in Iowa about that time, however. Isaac **BUSH** and "a man named **MOUNT**" are listed among the claim hunters to arrive in Jefferson County, Iowa in the fall of 1836.<sup>4</sup> Mount would be Benjamin Mount and wife Margaret "Peggy"

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<sup>1</sup> There are numerous spellings in different documents for her name: Juliann, Julianne, Julia Ann.

<sup>2</sup> **CLARK**, Pam, (**DAVIS** descendant and researcher): According to the 1872 Atlas Map of Adams Co., IL, Clayton Township, page 5, Isaac and Julia were the first parties married in Clayton Twp. "Isaac **BUSH** and Miss Julia **DAVIS** were the first parties married in the Township. The ceremony was performed by the (present) Rev. R.K. McCoy, at the house of Mr. **DAVIS**, the bride's father, in 1835." The date of the marriage was actually 7 January 1836. From the marriage record, Adams County, IL:

"I do certify, that I did, on the seventh day of January 1836 joined to gather, in the holy state of matrimony Isaac **BUSH** & Julia Ann **DAVIS** both of Adams County Ill according to the ceremony of the Presbyterian Church to which I belong. R.K. McCoy ". Copy of marriage record on file, personal library.

<sup>3</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian): Collection of Wendy Glenn, **BUSH** Descendant, Malpai Ranch, Drawer 1039, Doughlas, Arizona.

<sup>4</sup> "History of Jefferson County, Iowa" by Charles J. Fulton, Vol. 1. The S. J. **CLARKE** Publishing Company, Chicago, 1914. Chapter X. *The Land Survey*. "The first settlers came to an open country where each as he arrived selected a place that pleased his fancy. If his tract adjoined the claim of another, it conformed to that. Beyond this there was no regularity of bounds and no certainty of acreage. There could be none until the lands were surveyed. No title could be acquired until this was done. In the meantime the settlers were but "squatters"

**DAVIS**, aunt to Julia Ann **DAVIS BUSH**.<sup>5</sup> Isaac did return to Illinois to attend his father-in-law's estate sale in March 1837 when he purchased a plough and horses.<sup>6</sup>

In the fall of 1838 Isaac found himself in a bit of trouble:

"Only the case of Hall versus **BUSH** was at this time submitted to a jury[.] **VAN ALLEN** appeared for the plaintiff **BUCKLAND** and **OLNEY** for the defendant[.] The jurors impaneled were George C **PARKER** Charles **HOLLOWAY** George W **TROY** Isaac **MCCLARY** David **ELLER** Edward **BUSIC** John **VINCENT** Abraham **LINDER** John **ROYER** John **EASTEP** Isaac **BLAKELY** and Alfred **AKES**[.] The issue set out was that Isaac **BUSH** on the first day of September in the year of our Lord 1838 with force and arms made an assault in the limits of the County of Jefferson and then and there shot off and discharged a certain gun loaded with gunpowder and slugs at and against a certain gray horse of the plaintiff of great value to wit \$200 and so greatly shot hurt and wounded the horse that it died that on the same date and on subsequent dates he committed assaults of like character on other horses of the plaintiff all of great value and that he had fastened with logchains and cut off the mane and hobbled with bark a certain bay mare to her great injury[.] Damages were asked in the sum of \$700. The prosaic jury made due allowance for the picturesque descriptions[.] It found the defendant guilty as

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whose rights of possession were acknowledged and protected under rules imposed and enforced by themselves."

<sup>5</sup> *History of Jefferson County, Iowa*, 1879, page 354:

[http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/historical/1879\\_jefferson/jefferson\\_40.htm](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/historical/1879_jefferson/jefferson_40.htm).

<sup>6</sup> **CLARK**, Pam, (**DAVIS** descendant and researcher).

charged but only gave the plaintiff \$5 for his damage  
The costs amounting to \$65.66 were a more serious  
matter . <sup>7</sup>"

The 1840 census for Jefferson County, Iowa Territory shows the **BUSH** family with two male children under the age of 5 [George & Edward **BUSH**] and one male 15-20[unknown]; one male 20-30;[Isaac] one female 20-30 [Julia Ann].<sup>8</sup> Four more children (two sons and two daughters) would be born in Iowa. The last mention of Isaac **BUSH** in Iowa is on a voters list in 1848 in Locust Township,<sup>9</sup> but the **BUSHes** were there until after the birth of Ava Rena, who is listed as being born in Iowa on 12 January 1850.

Isaac then moved on, and the family was likely living in Washington Territory in early 1850, although he was not listed in the census for that year. It is possible that they traveled with Julia Ann's sister Amanda and husband John **CHIPMAN** who settled on the Oregon side of the Columbia River. The Donation Land Claim Law of 1850 allowed for settlers to obtain title to their own land. Both men and women could sign for land. A single person could receive 320 acres and a husband and wife 640 acres if they resided in the territory before 1850. Isaac **BUSH** is credited with 640 acres. On a Donation Land Claims map for Skamania County, the Isaac H. **BUSH** claim #11 is located on the north side of the Columbia River between the Cascades and Stevenson. This claim, made in the early 1850s, was not filed until after his death on July 12, 1910.<sup>10, 11</sup> A patent signed by President Taft dated 21 June 1909 describes the land as survey #296 in blocks 10/11/14/15 of Township 2N Range 7E, Willamette Meridian

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<sup>7</sup>Google Books: *History of Jefferson County, Iowa*, Chapter XXVI, a record of settlement by Charles J. Fulton, p. 198: [lagenweb.org/Jefferson](http://lagenweb.org/Jefferson).

<sup>8</sup> [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)- Image 19 of 30 for Jefferson County, Iowa.

<sup>9</sup> *The History of Jefferson County 1912-1914*:  
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ia/jefferson/history/jef1848vt.txt>.

<sup>10</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian): Claim #11: *Skamania County History, Vol. 1, Second Edition*, published by the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum and the Skamania County Historical Society, page 24.

<sup>11</sup> Map at <http://cnthuz.com/friends/family/graphics/map.gif>.

Skamania County, Washington. Julia Ann BUSH received the north half of the claim and Isaac H. BUSH the south half of claim containing 356.08 acres.<sup>12</sup> At one time he and his wife conveyed a right of way 30 feet each way from the center of the railroad track across their claim. They were paid the surprising sum of \$15,000.00. Other pioneers relate that BUSH owned a hospital and a hotel combined with a saloon.<sup>13</sup> In February 1865, he sold out to Putman F. BRADFORD for \$4,500.00.<sup>14</sup>

On Wednesday, March 26, 1856, the settlers were attacked by the Yakamas and the Klickitats shortly after many of the men had gone to work on the bridges of the new railway near the BUSH's house. BUSH and family took up refuge in the BRADFORD store about 1½ miles from the blockhouse.<sup>15</sup> BUSH shot one Indian, saving the life of a Mrs. WATKINS who was running for the store. The settlers kept the Indians at bay all day and at nightfall watched as the homes of SHEPARD and BUSH burned, the latter keeping the area lit most of the night. It was not until the third morning that Lt. Sheridan and his men were able to take control and the settlers could breathe a sigh of relief.<sup>16</sup>

The last reference for the BUSH family in Skamania County is the 1860 census. Isaac is listed as "J". H. BUSH, Hotel Keeper living in the Cascades. He was age 47, born in Virginia had real estate

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<sup>12</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian): Private Land Claim \$296, Oregon; Issued 6/21/1909; Vancouver Land Office; Survey State of Washington; Document #0626; Misc. Doc. # 296; Accession/Serial #68750 BLM Serial # WAV 0000626; <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch/Detail.asp?PatentDocClassCode=SER&Ac>

<sup>13</sup> >From the Memoirs of Margaret Windsor Iman, "My Arrival in Washington, 1852".

Source: <http://enthu.com/friends/family/tales/myarrival.html>. "Isaac H. BUSH built a hospital near the blockhouse for the benefit of the sick emigrants who crossed the pioneer trail to help build our country. Mr. BUSH also owned a hotel and when well I went to work for him waiting table; but while I lay sick in bed I heard the cries of an infant babe in some part of the building. I asked for it to be brought to me and my bidding was granted. I took it in my arms and tried to play with it, but was so weak and worn I could not. This was the first babe I had in my arms after landing at the Cascades in 1852."

<sup>14</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian): *Skamania County History, Vol. 1, Second Edition*, page 26:

<sup>15</sup> This was Fort Rains which provided some protection until Lt. Sheridan arrived.

<sup>16</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian): *Skamania County History, Vol. 1, Second Edition*: page 5-8- full account of the battle.



valued at \$20,000 and \$2000 in personal property. His wife Julia A. was age 41, also born in Virginia. Children were Geo. W. **BUSH**, age 23, born in Illinois, a miner with \$2000 in personal property; Jarens [Javen] J. **BUSH**, age 19, born in Iowa; Cyril [Syria in Bible] F. **BUSH**, age 17, born in Iowa; Mary E. **BUSH**, age 14, born in Iowa; Ava R. **BUSH**, age 10, born in Iowa; Martha **BUSH**, age 6, born Washington Territory; Eureka **BUSH**, age 2, born Oregon Territory. There were several other lodgers listed in this census. It was after this census that Isaac moved his family again, this time to San Diego, California.

Following is a full account of the Indian raid on the **BRADFORD** store at the Upper Cascades written by Lawrence W. **COE** to Putnam F. **BRADFORD**, reprinted with permission from Sharon Tiffany, Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center (*Skamania County History*, Vol. 1, Second Edition, published by Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum and the Skamania County Historical Society, 2007, page 5-8):

On Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., after the men had gone to their work on the two bridges of the new railway, most of them on the bridge near **BUSH**'s house, the Yakimas (Yakamas) came down on us. There was a line above us from Mill Creek to the big point at the head of the falls, firing simultaneously at the men; and the first notice we had of them was the firing and crack of their guns.

At the first fire, one of our men was killed and several were wounded. Our men, on seeing the Indians, all ran for our store through a shower of bullets; except three, who started down the stream for the middle blockhouse, distant one and a half miles. **BUSH** and his family came into our store, leaving his own house vacant.

The **WATKINS** family came into our store after a Dutch boy (brother of Mrs. **WATKINS**) had been shot

in the house. **WATKINS**, **FINLAY** and **BAILEY** were at work on the new warehouse on the island, around which the water was not high enough to run about three feet deep under the bridges.

There was grand confusion in the store at first; and Sinclair, of Walla Walla, going to the door to look out, was shot in the head and instantly killed. Some of us commenced getting the guns and rifles, which were ready loaded, from behind the counter.

Fortunately, about an hour before, there had been left with us for shipment below, nine Government muskets, with cartridges, boxes and ammunition. These saved us. As the upper story of the house was abandoned, Smith the cook, having come below, and as the stairway was outside, where we dare not go, the stove pipe was hauled down, the hole enlarged with axes and a party of men crawled up; and the upper part of the hose was secured.

Our men soon got shots at the Indians on the bank above us. I saw **BUSH** shoot an Indian, the first one killed, who was drawing a bead on Mrs. **WATKINS** as she was running for our store. He dropped instantly. **ALEXANDER** and others mounted into the gable under our roof; and from there was doing most of our firing, as it was the best place for observation.

In the meantime, we were barricading the store, making loopholes and firing when opportunity presented itself. I took charge of the store, Dan **BRADFORD** the second floor and **ALEXANDER** the garret and roof. The steamer Mary was lying in Mill Creek; and the wind was blowing hard downstream.

Then we saw Indians running towards her and heard shots. I will give you an account of the attack

on her hereafter. The Indians now returned in force to us; and we gave everyone a shot who showed himself.

They were nearly naked, painted red and had guns and bows and arrows. After a while, **FINLAY** came creeping around the lower point of the island towards our house. We halloed to him to lie down behind a rock; and he did so.

He called that he could not get to the store, as the bank above us was covered with Indians. He saw **WATKINS'** house burn while there. The Indians first took every thing they wanted-blankets, clothes and guns, etc. By this time the Indians had crossed in canoes to the island, and we saw them coming, as we supposed, after **FINLAY**. We then saw **WATKINS** and **BAILEY** running around the riverside towards the place where **FINLAY** was, the Indians in full chase after them. As our men came around the point in full view, **BAILEY** was shot through the arm and leg. He continued on, and plunged into the river, swam to the front of the store and came in safely, except for his wounds. **FINLAY** also swam across and got in unharmed, which was wonderful, as there was a shower of bullets around him.

**WATKINS** came next, running around the point; and we called to him to lie down behind the rocks; but before he could do so, he was shot through the wrist, the ball going up the arm and out above the elbow.

He dropped behind a rock just as the pursuing Indians came around the point; but we gave them so hot a reception from our house that they backed out and left poor **WATKINS** where he lay. We called to him to lie still, and we would get him off; but we were

not able to do so until the arrival of the troops-two days and nights afterwards.

During this time he fainted several times from cold and exposure, the weather being very cold; and he was stripped down to the underclothes for swimming. When he fainted, he would roll down the steep bank into the river; and, the ice-cold water reviving him, he would crawl back under fire to his retreat behind the rock. Meantime, his wife and children were in the store in full view and moaning piteously at his terrible situation. He died from exhaustion two days after he was rescued.

The Indians were now pitching into us right smart. They tried to burn us out-threw rocks and firebrands, hot irons, pitch wood-everything onto the roof that would burn. But as the bank for a short distance back of the store inclined towards us, we could see and shoot the Indians who appeared there. So they had to throw from such a distance that the largest rocks and bundles of fire did not quite reach us; and we cut it out, or with cups of brine drawn from pork barrels, put it out, or with long sticks shoved off the fireballs. The kitchen roof troubled us the most. How they did pepper us with rocks. Some of the biggest ones would shake the house all over.

There were now forty men, women and children in the house-four women and eighteen men who could fight, and eighteen children and wounded men.

The steamer Wasco was on the Oregon side of the river. We saw her steam up and leave for the Dalles. Shortly after, the Mary left, also. She had to take Attwell's fencerails for wood. So passed the day, during which the Indians had burned Iman's two

houses, **BRADFORD's** sawmill and houses and the lumberyards at the mouth of Mill Creek.

At daylight they set fire to **BRADFORD's** new warehouse on the Island, making it as light as day around us. They did not attack us at night, but on the second morning commenced again as lively as ever. We had no water and few bottles of whiskey, which were gave out during the day.

During the night, a Spokane Indian, who was traveling with Sinclair and was in the store with us, volunteered to get a pail off water from the river, I consented and he stripped himself naked, jumped out and down the bank, and was back in no time.

We weathered it out during the day, every man keeping his post, and never relaxing his vigilance. Every moving object, bush, shadow or suspicious thing on the hillside, received a shot. Night came again; we saw **SHEPARD's** house burn. **BUSH's** house near by was also fired, and kept us in light until four a.m., the darkness returning.

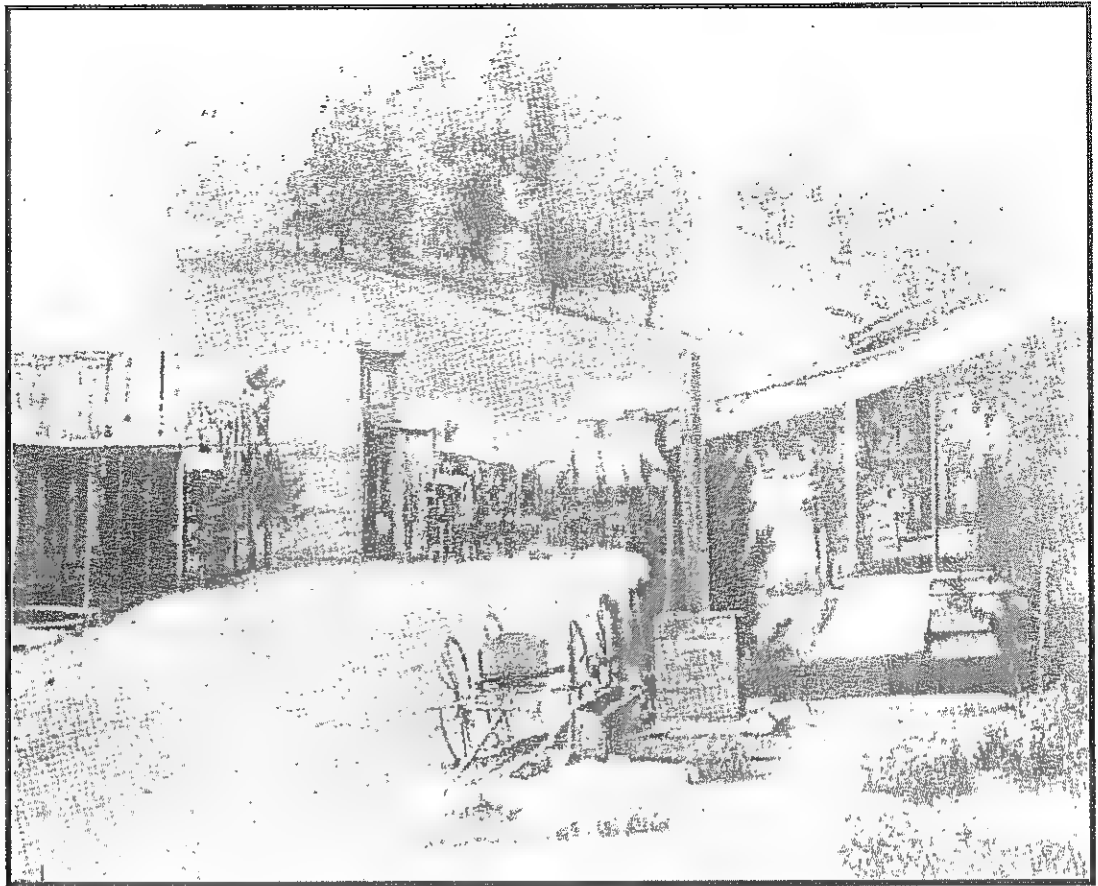
I sent the Spokane Indian for water from the river; and he filled four barrels. He went to and fro like lightning. He also slipped poor James Sinclair's body down the slide outside, as the corpse was quite offensive.

The two steamers having exceeded the length of time we gave them to return from The Dalles, we made up our minds for a long siege, and until relief came from below. The third morning dawned; and lo, the Mary and the Wasco, blue with soldiers and towing a flatboat loaded with dragoon horses, have in sight.

Such a halloo as we gave! As the steamers landed, the Indians fired twenty or thirty shots into

Map Showing Location of BUSH Claim in Skamania County, Washington  
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## Early Julian, California, Showing Pioneer Cemetery First grave recorded on November 20, 1870

Due to Indian hostilities and the damp climate in the Cascades, Washington Territory in the 1860s, Isaac and Julia **BUSH** loaded their covered wagons and headed south to a warmer, safer climate and settled in San Diego, California.<sup>17</sup> It is unknown exactly when they left Washington Territory, though it was sometime after the

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<sup>17</sup>Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian) Charles **POTTER** – handwritten biography from Edith and Elon and Ethel Mae **POTTER** Hildreth.



death of their son Syria, which occurred on 1 March 1862.<sup>18</sup> Here in "new" San Diego they built and ran "the **BUSH** House," one of the first hotels in the "new town".<sup>19</sup> Family legends vary as to its location, which possibly was where the U.S. Grant Hotel is today at 326 Broadway and 3<sup>rd</sup>. One family biography says the **BUSHes** operated the **HORTON** House on 5<sup>th</sup> and Broadway<sup>20</sup> and another says they owned and operated the **BUSH** Hotel. The **HORTON** House was not on 5<sup>th</sup> street but on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway and was not built until January 1870. However, it is possible that **BUSH** acquired his land from Alonzo **HORTON**, who owned most of the area, and the **HORTON** House was built on or near this location.<sup>21</sup> It is also possible that the name of the hotel was Jackson House, the hotel where the **BUSH** sisters were married, and that its name became garbled as oral history was passed down through the generations.

In 1869 placer gold<sup>22</sup> was discovered by Fred **COLEMAN** in the Volcan Valley, about an hour east of San Diego, and the town of Julian was born.<sup>23,24</sup> On George Washington's birthday, 22 February 1870, the Washington Mine was discovered, and the gold boom began as people flocked to the area from all parts of the country. Drury **BAILEY** donated a part of his homestead for the town and named it after his cousin Mike **JULIAN**.<sup>25</sup>

No doubt Isaac was among those settlers seeking their fortune in gold, for family legend tells us that he traded his land in San

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<sup>18</sup>Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian) Isaac H. **BUSH** Family Bible Record, collection of Wendy Glen, Malpai Ranch, Drawer 1039, Douglas, AZ 85698.

<sup>19</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian) "The **BUSH** Family", biography probably written by Jasper James, (Julian historian) author of the unpublished manuscript "Trail Breakers and History Markers".

<sup>20</sup> Hildreth, Ethel Mae **POTTER**, handwritten biography of her parents Charles W. and Mary Ellen **BUSH POTTER**.

<sup>21</sup> Alonzo **HORTON** purchased eight-hundred acres at an auction in 1867 at thirty-three cents an acre. This is today known as **HORTON** Addition;  
<http://www.sandiegohistory.org/bio/HORTON/HORTON.htm>.

<sup>22</sup> Placer gold is gold that can be panned.

<sup>23</sup> Lewis, David, *Last Known Address History of the Julian Cemetery*, page 1.

<sup>24</sup> *The Julian Sentinel*, 1887.

<sup>25</sup> Lewis, David, *Last Known Address History of the Julian Cemetery*, page 2.

Diego for land at the gold mines.<sup>26</sup> He moved his family to Julian on 23 February 1870,<sup>27</sup> squatting on a quarter section of land about 3 miles southwest of the town. Just prior to his move, on 15 January 1870, his daughter Mary Ellen married Stephen L. POTTER. Family legend says that Mary Ellen waited tables in the BUSH House and it was there that she met and married her husband. However, a newspaper article in the archives in California says they were married at the Jackson House.<sup>28</sup> Also joining the BUSHes and the POTTERs was George Swain, a lawyer, who would marry Martha BUSH in 1872, and Joel and Ava Rena BUSH PARSONS, who were married at the Jackson House in San Diego on 4 December 1869.<sup>29</sup>

In the census for 1870, taken on July 16, Isaac had 200 acres of land valued at \$300, no occupation given. George and Javen were listed as laborers and Edward was a carpenter. By 1880 the children had moved on and Isaac H., age 67, and Julia A., age 62, were farming and living alone.

Land records in California show a title transfer for 162.25 acres (his Julian property) in San Diego County to Isaac H. BUSH on 20 March 1882.<sup>30</sup> Here the BUSHes farmed and raised stock. Adjoining this property was the POTTER homestead and homestead of BUSH son Javen Jackson BUSH. Joel and Ava PARSONS are said to have lived nearby.

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<sup>27</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian) "The BUSH Family", biography probably written by Jasper James.

<sup>28</sup> San Diego County CA Archives Marriages: [www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ca/cafiles.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ca/cafiles.htm) and *San Diego Union*: January 20, 1870: On the 15<sup>th</sup>, inst. At the Jackson House, by Rev. D. A. Dryden, Mr. S. L. POTTER and Miss Mary E. BUSH. File contributed by Michael Harris November 9, 2007.

<sup>29</sup> San Diego County CA Archives Marriages: [www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ca/cafiles.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ca/cafiles.htm) and *San Diego Union*: December 9, 1869: Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Jackson House, by Rev. D.A. Dryden, Mr. J.P. PARSONS to Miss Ava R. BUSH, all of San Diego. File contributed by Michael Harris November 9, 2007.

<sup>30</sup> N ½ SE Section 6/Twp. 13-S/Range 4-E: NESW Section 6/Twp. 13-S/Range 4-E: 11 (NWSW) Section 6/Twp. 13-S/Range 4-E. Document #370; Accession/Serial Nr: CACAAA 088504.

Tragedy struck the **BUSHes** soon after their move to Julian. George Washington **BUSH** died in a mine accident on 26 September 1870. The Bible record says he was buried in the mine near Julian City, although there appears to be a grave marker for him in the Pioneer Cemetery near his mother. Edward Davis **BUSH** broke his neck when he was thrown from his horse in the city on 8 June 1873, and is also buried near his mother. On 28 June 1883, their son Javen Jackson **BUSH** killed John **IVY** and would spend the rest of his life in prison.

Heartbreak continued when their fourteen-year-old granddaughter Cora **PARSONS** died in 1887 and the next year four **POTTER** grandchildren died within nine days of each other from enteritis, known then as Bloody Flux.

Locals: Saturday afternoon last, Ethel, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. **POTTER**, died at the residence of its parents, near Julian; age, about two years. On Wednesday afternoon Floyd, aged six years, also died. This makes four deaths in the **POTTER** family within nine days. Miss Hattie **POTTER**, who was also not expected to live, is slowly recovering, and is believed to be beyond danger.<sup>31</sup>

According the family Bible, both Julia Ann and Isaac passed away in 1900,<sup>32</sup> she on 20<sup>th</sup> of May and he on 27<sup>th</sup> of July. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1900, the census takers found Isaac H. **BUSH** living with his grandson Charles **POTTER** in Julian Township. He was age 86, born in June 1813, widowed and gave his occupation as Capitalist. Julia

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<sup>31</sup> Lewis, David, (Julian California Cemetery Historian), *The Sentinel*, October 5, 1888: copied by Jacqueline Beck, P. O. 2472, Ramona, CA 92065.

<sup>32</sup> Her tombstone, which is a replacement plaque, is engraved 1899; Family Bible: "May 20, 1900 at Julian". Many of the markers were too worn to be read when they were unearthed. The Julian Historical Society was able to identify some of the graves and planted punched tin plates next to them.

Ann and Isaac along with numerous descendants rest on the hilltop in the Pioneer Cemetery overlooking the town of Julian.<sup>33</sup>

### **Descendants of Isaac Henry BUSH** **First Generation**

1. **Isaac Henry<sup>2</sup> BUSH** (George<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 June 1813 in Virginia<sup>1</sup>, and died 27 July 1900 in Julian, San Diego County, California. He married Julie Ann **DAVIS** 07 January 1836 in Clayton, Adams County, Illinois, daughter of Edward **DAVIS** and Eleanor **STOUT**. She was born 06 September 1819 in (West) Virginia, and died 20 May 1900 in Julian, San Diego County, California.

Children of Isaac BUSH and Julia **DAVIS** are:

- 2        i. George Washington<sup>3</sup> **BUSH**, born 21 October 1836 in Illinois; died 26 September 1870 in Julian, San Diego County, California.
- 3        ii. Edward Davis **BUSH**, born 30 August 1838 in Jefferson County, Iowa Territory; died 08 June 1873 in Julian, San Diego County, California.
- 4        iii. Javen Jackson **BUSH**, born 26 September 1840 in Jefferson County, Iowa Territory, died after 1906 probably in San Quentin Prison, California. He married Caroline L. **REED** between 21-31 October 1869 in San Diego County, California born December 1853 in California; died 04 April 1937 in Santa Cruz County, California.
- 5        iv. Syria F. **BUSH**, born 13 April 1843 in Jefferson County, Iowa<sup>8</sup>; died 01 March 1862 in Washington Territory.

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<sup>33</sup> Pioneer Circle Section 1. David Lewis has placed a wonderful map showing the locations of the graves on the website "juliancemetery.org".

- 6 v. Mary Ellen **BUSH**, born between 12-13 January 1846 in Jefferson County, Iowa; died 16 August 1925 in Julian, San Diego County, California. She married Stephen LeRoy **POTTER** 15 January 1870 in San Diego, San Diego County, California, born October 1828 in New York; died 15 March 1902 in Julian, San Diego County, California.
- 7 vi. Ava Rena **BUSH**, born 12 January 1850 in Jefferson County, Iowa; died between 1920-1930 in probably San Diego, California. She married Joel P. **PARSONS** 04 December 1869 in San Diego, California; born October 1835 in Tennessee; died 13 December 1904 in Julian, San Diego County, California.
- 8 vii. Martha Ett **BUSH**, born 23 November 1853 in Washington Territory/Oregon; died 21 January 1944 in probably Tombstone, Arizona. She married George W. **SWAIN** 28 May 1874 in Julian, San Diego County, California; born April 1847 in Ohio; died about 06 September 1911 in Dragoon Mine, near Tombstone, Cochise County, Arizona.
- 9 viii. Eureka "Retta" J. **BUSH**, born 11 September 1857 in Oregon Territory; died 11 March 1941 in San Francisco County, California. She married James John **NASH** 01 December 1883 in Tombstone, Cochise County, Arizona; born January 1848 in California; died about 1920 probably in San Francisco, California.

# **The Ellis & Burkhammer Connection**

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There is a close relationship in Lewis County concerning the ELLIS family and the Burkhammer family. It starts off with Thomas Jefferson ELLIS, and Mary Elizabeth Polly BALLARD ELLIS.

Thomas Jefferson ELLIS was my great, great grandfather. He and Polly had eleven children that I can find. One of these was James ELLIS, the soldier of the 15<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry who died in Salisbury Prison during the Civil War.

Thomas and Polly's oldest son was named Rhodes Allen ELLIS. In several Lewis county records, the spelling of his name is Roads, or Roder, but all refer to the same son of Thomas and Polly ELLIS.

Rhodes A. ELLIS at the age of 45 married a young lady named Nancy EDMUNDS who was 21 at the time. The year was 1864. Nancy was from Highland County Virginia. If you were to travel U.S. route 250 out of Elkins, WV, into Virginia, you would travel through the area from which Nancy was from.

I have found 4 children from Rhodes and Nancy ELLIS, First was Mary Jane ELLIS born in September 1865. The second, George Ann ELLIS, was born December 1866. The third was T. R. ELLIS (Tyree). (Some records show his first initial as an I, but it is a T.)

Tyree married Harriett BALLARD.

The fourth and last child was my grandfather, James William ELLIS, who married Martha Jane BALLARD, a sister to Harriett.

The real story that connects the BURKHAMMERs and the ELLIS family starts off sad, but ends up very grateful in my eyes.

My Grandfather James William ELLIS was born March 15, 1870. His father, my great-grandfather, Rhodes Allen ELLIS died February 22, 1870, about 21 days before Nancy ELLIS gave birth to my grandfather.

On March 13, 1872, two days before my grandfather's second birthday, Nancy **EDMUNDS ELLIS** married a man I would have loved to have met, Joseph **BURKHAMMER**.

According to records Joseph and Nancy were both in their late 20's at the time of their marriage on March 13, 1872. Nancy had four small **ELLIS** children. The man I only know on paper who was my step great grandfather, Joseph **BURKHAMMER**, raised the four **ELLIS** children and along with at least seven children of his marriage to Nancy: Viola, George Adam, John Robert, Chas, Carie, Henry Joseph, and Alma **BURKHAMMER**. Alma, the youngest, was born in 1887.

Nancy **ELLIS BURKHAMMER** died in 1899 at the young age of 54. Joseph lived another 26 years. He passed away on June 18, 1925.

I have never been able to get to know the **BURKHAMMER** family. My father was older when I was born, and the only person I can remember was Uncle Charlie **BURKHAMMER**, who played the fiddle. I would love to know stories of Joseph and Nancy and the family.



# **HCPD Bids Adieu to Three Life Members**

**Judge William L. "Les" Fury  
Francis M. Butcher  
Ella Virginia "Ginger" Wills**

Judge William L. "Les" **FURY**, age 93, of 102 W. 2nd Street, Weston died on Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at the United Hospital Center, Bridgeport, WV.

He was born in Weston on June 21, 1917, the oldest son of the late Grant W. **FURY** and Opal A. (Gay) **FURY**.

On November 07, 1942 he married the late Elizabeth **ASPINALL**.

He and Elizabeth were devoted WVU sports fans and attended games together throughout their lives.

Judge **FURY** was preceded in death by one brother Forrest "Fats" **FURY** of Weston, and is survived by two brothers: Verland "Bud" **FURY** of Pittsburg, PA; and Donald "Blaze" **FURY** of Ft. Thomas, KY; a sister-in-law Kathleen **FURY** of Weston, several nieces and nephews, and a close friend Janet Snyder of Weston.

Judge **FURY** was a 1935 graduate of Weston High School; a 1938 graduate of Potomac State College in Keyser, WV; a 1941 graduate of Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV where he received a B.S.B.A. degree; and a 1948 graduate of Washington & Lee University School of Law, where he received a J.D. degree. After serving with the rank of Captain in the European Theater in World War II, he returned to Weston to engaged in the practice of Law in Weston from October 10, 1948 until January 1, 1969. He was elected to the Office of Judge of the Twenty-Sixty Judicial Circuit of West Virginia, comprised of Lewis and Upshur Counties. He was elected to four (4) successive terms of four years each as Prosecuting Attorney

for Lewis County. In 1985 he retired as Judge of the Twenty-Sixth Circuit of West Virginia.

He was a United States Army Veteran of World War II, where he held the rank of Captain with the Military Specialty of Field Artillery Unit Commander, and served in the European theater of operations. He also held the grade of Major in the United States Army Organized Reserve. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving several terms on the Vestry of the Church, and Board of Trustees, was formerly the Senior Warden.

He was a member of Weston Lodge No. 10, A.F. & A.M. Past President of Weston Rotary Club, Past-president of the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce; Past-President of Deerfield Country Club; Chairman of Stonewall Jackson State Park Advisory Committee, He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Central WV Shrine Club, A.A.O.N.M. Shrine Nemesis temple, Reserves Officers association of the United States, American Bar Association, WV Bar Association, WV State bar, WV Judicial Association American Judicature Society, Nat. assoc. of Juvenile Court Judges. He held membership in several civic clubs including Lions, VFW, Moose, and Weston Jaycees Little League and was a coach in his younger years. Although he was a life long Democrat he sometimes was forgiving of those who did not share the wisdom of his political beliefs.

Family and friends were received at the Hardman-Paletti Funeral on Sunday, November 28.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 11:00 AM from St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Father John **VALENTINE** officiating.

Interment followed services in the Weston Masonic Cemetery. Full Military Honors were conducted by the Lewis County Honor Guard.

Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home of Weston was in charge of arrangements for William L. **FURY**.

Francis M. **BUTCHER**, 97, of Sawyerville, IL passed away at 9:00 AM, Thursday, March 31st at his residence.

He was born December 13, 1913, in Buxton, IA, son of the late R.W. **BUTCHER** & Ethel (**CHAMBERS**) **BUTCHER**. He married Ann (**WALLACE**) **BUTCHER** on March 8, 1937, in East Saint Louis, IL. She preceded him in death on November 24, 1996. He retired as quality control manger at McDonnell Douglas. He was a former Scout Master and Cub Master, former Mine Safety Inspector, and a retired Elder from Community of Christ Church in Sawyerville, IL.

He was preceded in his death by parents, Romeo W. **BUTCHER** & Ethel (Chambers) **BUTCHER**; spouse, Ann (**WALLACE**) **BUTCHER**; sister, Ruth **HOLDEN**.

Surviving relatives include son - Daryl (Spouse, Carolyn) **BUTCHER** of La Habra, CA; 2 Nieces - Myrna **THRONE**, Arlene **HOLDEN**.

Visitation was Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Kravanya Funeral Home in Benld, IL. His funeral was Sunday, April 3, 2011, at the funeral home. Burial followed at Benld Cemetery, Benld, IL.

Comments from Bette **BUTCHER TOPP**: "Francis and his wife, Ann, **BUTCHER** were Life Members of HCPD. He had worked on the **BUTCHER, CHAMBERS, LOONEY, & WALLACE** families for over 40 years and also donated some of his CD's of his work to the HCPD society.

"I must say his mind was as sharp as could be until his death and he was a joy to talk about family history. He was still working on the **BUTCHER-METZGER** family at the end on his newest computer. I will miss him."

Ella Virginia "Ginger" **WILLS**, age 74, of Weston, died Monday, August 1, 2011, at her home.

She was born November 10, 1936, at Weston, the daughter of the late R. Glenn and Maude S. **HACKER FLOYD**. She is survived by her husband, Don U. **WILLS** whom she married on April 6, 1957, in Oberammergau, Germany. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Deborah Lynne **CLARK**, and

husband Dan, of Danville, WV and Mrs. Donna Jean **ADAMS**, and husband Gilbert, of Crestwood, KY; two grandsons: M. Levi **CLARK** and Kyle R. **CLARK**, both of Morgantown, WV; and one sister, Mrs. Betty Jean **WILLIAMS** and husband, Roy L. of Kearney, MO.

Mrs. **WILLS** was an owner of the **FLOYD** Funeral Home for thirty-one years from 1963-1994. She was a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, MO. She served on various Boards and Committees as well as Youth Leader in the United Methodist Church for fourteen years. She was a member of Weston Chapter #40, Order of the Eastern Star, Life member of the Theresa O. Snaith Hospital Auxiliary of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, and a life member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. She was a member of the Broad St. United Methodist Church.

Friends will be received at the Broad St. United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 4, 2011, from 4-8 PM. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 5, 2011, at 11:00 AM at the Broad St. United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard **JUSTICE** and Mrs. Debby **SHACKLEFORD** officiating. Interment will follow in the Weston Masonic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Broad St. United Methodist Church at 120 Broad St., Weston, WV 26452.

# Are You Prepared?

By Bette Butcher Topp

Mother Nature has been quite busy this year. First the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, tornadoes all over the place, then an earthquake in Virginia and now the hurricane "Irene". It does tend to make you wonder, does it not?

What it makes me think about is this – What happens to our genealogy when these natural disasters occur? Does your research material "fly away" like it did in the tornado in Joplin, Missouri? Do you know that a woman about 150 miles away from Joplin kept finding documents, letters, family records and pictures around her area? She was wonderful and caring enough to rescue all this "stuff" and put it on the Internet so that people could claim it. One lady even got her Nursing License back. Imagine! Can you put yourself into the shoes of these people?

Disasters can happen anywhere. For heavens sake, even in Washington D.C. and New York City. I think they were all so shocked that they almost could not think clearly.

Well, we better all start thinking. I have long told my classes to be sure that you have many backups of your research and they should not be JUST in your own house. They should be around the country in maybe a cousin's house. Or a library where our ancestors had once lived. Or on DVDs and flash drives that have been stored in a safety deposit box. I know one man that puts his flash drives and DVDs there. Once a month, he takes them home and updates them or makes a new backup. I think that is very smart. I have tried to get my material into print as much as possible and it is scattered around the country. Salt Lake City Family History library has copies of my publications. So does New York Public Library as well as the Wisconsin Historical Society.

These are just suggestions of what to do with your material. I am sure you can think of many more ideas.

I belong to the Rice County, Kansas, mailing list and got the following email from a member. That started me thinking again.

He said the following and I am paraphrasing –

Some of his family lives in Mineral, VA, which was the center of the east coast earthquake last week. Their home was about 3 miles from the epicenter.

His family escaped injuries but their home is another story. He said every single shelf and cabinet in the house was "emptied" so that there is glassware all over the house. Some crystal from their great grandmother's collection that had been given to his cousin, when the ancestor had passed, is now gone.

There are cracks in the walls of every room in the house, and the chimney needs to be knocked down before it finishes falling on its own. They are retired so starting over will not be easy and they are waiting to see if the house is a total loss or can be repaired. I doubt if they had earthquake insurance.

VIRGINIA – how many times have you heard of that state having earthquakes?

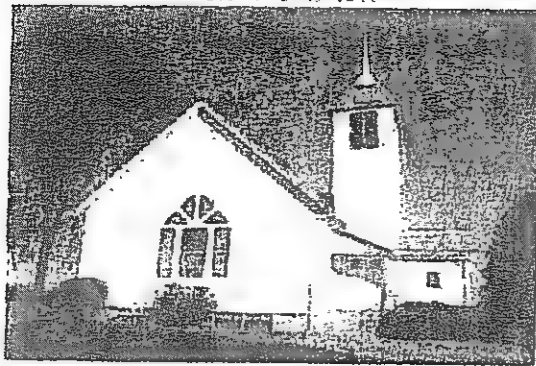
We are not even talking about fires here. Surely you read about the gas main in a house in New York that blew up and boom, it was all gone. Fortunately they got out just before it blew. There are many small towns that are all flooded from the rain in upstate New York. And look at Vermont!

Granted this is not what we think about when we are talking genealogy! BUT – let's see now. The last count of people on the east coast was 27 dead. Flooding is everywhere. One thing that hurt me was Vermont has lost three historical covered bridges. That is so sad. They have roads out so people are stranded. Guess what their genealogy looks like – might be very soggy!

A section of the outer islands in North Carolina is entirely cut off from civilization as their only road and bridge is gone! How long does it take to build a new road and bridge? I have not got that kind of patience and I doubt many do.

The short story is – What do you have planned for your genealogy? I cannot emphasize that question enough but IF I can get one or two family researchers developing a plan for their material, then I will be happy. It is like when we take our family with little ones to the Fair - if anyone gets lost, we meet at the clock tower, etc. Plan in advance so that IF a disaster happens in your area – you won't be saying – I WISH I HAD DONE - - - - -  
- - - - - with my genealogy.

I have been through enough earthquakes in California and several hurricanes in Virginia and Florida – and trust me, none of them produce wonderful memories. Use the *Scouts* creed, Be Prepared!



## INTERCEPTED LETTER Re a church by Henry Hardman in 1837

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of the South Bethel church project and the remaining tasks to be done.

We also want to invite everyone to the South Bethel Rededication Service at 10:30 AM, Sunday, October 16. We will have a combination church service and historical commemoration, followed by a catered picnic. We should have a wonderful moment of celebration.

I want to discuss the now-completed initial phase of the project. This phase has cost about \$75,000. The unexpected expenses were significant, including stabilizing construction work, removal and rebuilding the east room, extensive electrical work, new stairs, ramp, and railings, a new furnace, and extensive insulation work. The bottom line is that our initial cost projections were an estimate that was much less due to the numerous and expensive issues that emerged. Given a structure that is approaching 160 years old and the goal of making South Bethel a fully operating historic building, these significant expenses are not unexpected.

The bills are all paid. The Historical Society is covering the costs for water and sewer, as well as a gravel lane to the church and a handicapped parking area.

What is left to be done?

1. New roof
2. New sanctuary ceiling and insulation
3. Plumbing
4. Sanctuary window stabilization and repair
5. New flooring
6. Painting the church
7. "Finish work" in the new east addition

We estimate (with a great deal more certainty now) that it will require about \$25,000 more dollars to finish the entire South Bethel project. We have one chance to

do this right! In the end- a Cedar County treasure will be preserved and the community will gain a great facility for weddings, recitals, and a wide assortment of events.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

When this project began in 2009 our goal was to preserve the oldest continuously operating country church west of the Mississippi River. South Bethel is saved and now this treasure is the center piece of the Historical Society's complex north of Tipton and nearly ready for community use.

The Friends of Bethel have raised \$75,000 and \$25,000 more is needed to finish. Now our grandchildren and their grandchildren will be able to sit in and appreciate a treasured piece of our cultural, community, and family history.

Any continued help would be appreciated. Please consider this investment for our future. If you have any questions, feel free- to contact Sandy HARMEL at the Historical Society Museum (563-888-2899 or [cchsmus@iowatelecom.net](mailto:cchsmus@iowatelecom.net)). Please make your checks payable to "Friends of South Bethel." They can be sent to the Cedar County Historical Society, P.O. Box 254, Tipton IA 52772. All donations are tax deductible. If you would like to donate to the memory of a loved one, please note that with your donation ..

We are almost complete in this journey of saving a crucial piece of Cedar County and Midwestern history. What a surreal site to see this church travel the hills of Cedar to reach, its new home. With a little more help and sacrifice, we can finish this project together.

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## Some Funnies to Entertain You!

Courtesy of Dean Smith

What do you call a Whale who talks too much? A Blubber Mouth.

Why do Elephants put Catsup in their Navels? So they can eat French-Fries in Bed.

How do you make an Elephant float? Some Soda Water, two scoops of Ice Cream, and some Elephant.

Why do Gorillas have such BIG Nostrils? Did you see the size of their Fingers?



# American Civil War

by Jim Sims  
jls303@yahoo.com

One hundred and fifty years ago my great-grandfather Alfred SIMS and his brother Gilbert SIMS and their cousin William SIMS went to Clarksburg, Virginia (now WV) to sign up for one year with the 31<sup>st</sup> Regular Virginia Volunteers also know as the "Harrison Rifles" under the command of Captain U. M. TURNER who succeeded Captain Cyrus VANCE. These enlistments were as a result of the Ordinance of Secession that was passed by the Virginia Convention on April 17, 1861.

Why would my family or any family from Harrison or Lewis Co., VA with no record of slave ownership fight for the south? Their great-grandfather William SIMS had lived on McKinney Run which is on the Lewis and Harrison County line since before 1800, but his family was from Loudoun County, Virginia, and not from Pennsylvania or the northeast. Most of the people from Virginia fought for the South in the War.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Regular Virginia Volunteers or the Harrison Rifles were among the Confederate forces that established a camp at Allegheny Summit which is on the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike (now Rt. 250) on the West Virginia-Virginia state line. This camp was established to control the turnpike which was the chief route linking east and west in this area. At an altitude of 4,400 feet above sea level, this camp was one of the highest camps in the Civil War.

On December 13, 1861 roughly 1,900 Union troops under the command of General MILROY attacked 1,200 Confederate troops under the command of Col. JOHNSON for over seven hours. In an article in 1928 by Evelyn Yeager BEARD who lived on Allegheny Summit in 1861 she wrote, "I remember the shots falling on the roof of our house like hail." Union attempts to capture Camp Allegheny were repulsed. By two in the afternoon the battle was over with the Union forces in full retreat and the Confederates still in possession of Camp Allegheny. Casualties in the battle included approximately 146 Confederates and 137 Union soldiers.

Because of its exposed condition, winter at Camp Allegheny was extremely harsh on its occupants. Disease carried away hundreds of Confederate soldiers. The losses of men combined with the logistical

nightmare of keeping the camp supplied contributed to the decision to abandon it in April of 1862. Remnants of this site are still visible today and the U. S. Forest Service is doing its best to preserve and promote this site that is located in the Monongahela National Forest.

On 13 December 1861 my great-grandfather was shot in both hips but did survive. However, his brother Gilbert SIMS died along with 600,000 other men during the American Civil War. None of these men returned to their homes to have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As one can see by the following list of the Harrison Rifles, these names are still prevalent in Harrison-Lewis Counties today.

ARMSEY, Thomas  
ARMSTRONG, M. B.  
BLAIR, James M.  
CARMACK, Lucius  
CHIDESTER, J. M.  
COMMACK, John H.  
COOKMAN, George H.  
COOPER, First Lieut. W. P.  
CORDER, Benjamin  
CRISS, John T.  
CROPP, Aldridge  
CUMMING, William  
DAVIS, Ashberry  
DAWSON, Martin  
DAWSON, Sam  
DENNISON, Salathiel S.  
DUNCAN, Edmon S.  
GORDON, William F.  
GREATHOUSE, Silas  
GREATHOUSE, James  
GREEN, Berry F.  
HOLDEN, Heseekiah  
HUFFMAN, John S.  
JAMES, Ashbel  
JARVIS, Will  
KING, George W.  
LAKE, Granville C.

LEWIS, Asbery  
LEWIS, Norval  
LURTY, George W.  
McCANN, James M.  
McLOY, William  
MEREDITH, Charles  
NUTTER, Charles C.  
NUTTER, John A.  
OCHERMAN, Bond  
PRESTON, Jacob H.  
POST, Isaac I.  
PRIDEMORE, John  
QUEEN, Andrew I.  
RECTOR, John Jr.  
REED, Thomas  
REGER, Lonza D.  
RUNION, Jacob  
SIMS, Alfred  
SIMS, Gilbert  
SIMS, William  
SMITH, Augustus J.  
SMITH, Benjamin  
SMITH, Daniel  
SMITH, Edward S.  
SMITH, Ethelbert  
SMITH, John B.  
SMITH, Robert

SMITH, William  
 STOUT, Milton  
 SUMNER, First Sergeant Daniel  
 E.  
 SURGEON, Thomas  
 TAYLOR, William  
 TURNER, Capt. U. M.

WELLINGHAM, John W.  
 WEST, Josiah  
 WEST, William J.  
 WHITMORE, George W.  
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 WINGROVE, Otas P.

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## Queries ??????????

1. I am looking for Mary Ann **HENDERSON FOX** b. 1856? In Marion Co. She married Samuel I. **FOX** on May 16, 1886 in Randolph County. They had twin daughters; Carrie Halle **FOX** (my husband's grandmother) and Cora L. **FOX**, b. June 19, 1887. Samuel I. **FOX**, widower, remarried Ida J. Hinkle Jan 31, 1892. So Mary Ann **FOX** died between 1887 and 1892. I cannot find a death record or cemetery where she may be buried. Any information on Mary Ann **HENDERSON FOX** (my husband's great-grandmother) would be greatly appreciated. E-mail information to [hcpd@hackerscreek.com](mailto:hcpd@hackerscreek.com). Robin **LIGHT**, HCPD volunteer.
2. Dear Members: I know you are tired of seeing me ask for help to find my William **DAVIS** with wife Jean/Jane especially since every male **DAVIS** named one of his sons William during the 1700's but, who knows, you might read a will from his father (between 1740-1770) naming him as a son with a wife Jean/Jane and one or two of his grandchildren i.e. William Joseph, Ann, Margaret, Sarah, Jane, etc. Thanks for any help. Ethel **NIELSEN** [een10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:een10@sbcglobal.net)
3. I am looking for more information on Margaret **NICHOLS** (maybe born as **NICHOLSON**) abt 1804 Hardy/Harrison County. Married to William **COOPER** abt 1826. She passed abt 1884 and is buried at

Coldwater Cemetery in Doddridge County. Ronald W. COOPER, Vice President, G.D.C., Inc., 6933 Colchester Park Drive, Manassas, VA 20112 [cooptoo@aol.com](mailto:cooptoo@aol.com)

4. Looking for information on the families of James TATTERSON, b.1788 in Brownsville, PA, d.1829 in Brownsville; and his wife, Margaret GALLANUE, b.1792 in Monongalia Co, (West)VA, d.1860. Their daughter, Bythena (or Margaret) TATTERSON, b.7 Oct 1825, d.18 Sep 1907, married John Fisher SHAW 13 Oct 1845. Contact Bob DESSENT at [rwdessent@gmail.com](mailto:rwdessent@gmail.com), 438 Spring Grove Dr., Tallmadge OH 44278
5. I am trying to identify the parents of Fay W. TENNEY. It is a birth record from the WVCulture Web Site, summarized as follows: Birth data from WVCulture Web Site, Upshur Co., WV, Register of Births, 1907, No page number listed, line 1.  
Fay W. TENNEY, b. Aug. 31, 1907, Nixon, Upshur Co., WV.  
Father: A. S. TENNEY. Mother: Rosa J. TENNEY. George PAINTER, 1286 Weller Way, Westminster, MD 21158
6. I need confirmation that Joseph LEWIS (Buried in Upshur in Lewis Cemetery) When he died in 1838 it was Lewis Co. Is Reese LEWIS son. I need a document connecting Joseph LEWIS to Reese LEWIS. Joseph Family migrated into Upshur from the Shenandoah Valley and owned property in Upshur, 1818 when it was Lewis County. Any info is appreciated. Glenna EDWARDS <[jrlv53@embarqmail.com](mailto:jrlv53@embarqmail.com)>
7. Looking for Mark SMITH's wife's family. Mary A. PENCE b. 24 Oct 1759 in Rockingham, Pendleton, Virginia, d. 24 Oct 1836 Weston, Lewis, Virginia.  
Neither Mark Smith, born 24 October 1755 in Pendleton County, nor Mary PENCE, born 1759 spoke English as young adults. Mary was raised on the east side of the Allegheny Mountains.  
Mark was a teamster hauling goods from Maryland to Parkersburg. Both being Germans, Mark always stayed at the PENCE home while coming and going on these trips. Thus, he met and ultimately married Mary.

They settled on Mill Creek, South Branch of the Potomac in Pendleton County.

Mark moved his family to Jackson's Mills, Lewis County, Virginia, 1803.

He cropped one year on the Edward JOHNSON land. In 1804, he purchased a farm on Schoolcraft Run, now Smith's Run. That winter he built his home above the Maxwell line at the foot of the hill opposite the site of the later Edgar SMITH home. There he reared his family of eight children: Jacob, born 1780; John, born 1782; Louis Henry, born 1784; Elizabeth, born 1790; Peter, born 10 April 1791; MARTIN B., born 1795; George R., born 15 July 1798; and Abraham, born 15 July 1820.

Mark SMITH claimed to have served two years during the Revolutionary War and was pensioned in Lewis County, Virginia, in 1832. In 1835 he was dropped from the rolls, when unable to prove more than six months service.

Mark died on 24 July 1840, Mary on 24 October 1836; they are buried near their homestead in SMITH Cemetery.

Mark's father was Peter SMITH born about 1731. Mark's siblings were Peter, Catherine, and Jacob.

Source: Lewis County West Virginia Her People and Places edited by Joy Gilchrist-STALNAKER

It is Mary's family I am trying to locate. Ginny SMITH BERRY, [edandcathy@earthlink.net](mailto:edandcathy@earthlink.net),

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